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To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Conference and Support Services

Subject: FIRST DAY OF ISSUE: "SPORT AND THE ENVIRONMENT" STAMPS AND SOUVENIR SHEETS

Commemorative stamps

1. On 19 July 1996, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of six commemorative stamps on the theme "Sport and the environment". This coincides with the Centennial Olympic Games being held at Atlanta, Georgia, from 19 July to 4 August. The stamps are based on paintings created by LeRoy Neiman (United States of America) especially for UNPA. The stamps will be issued in denominations of US$ 0.32, US$ 0.50, SwF 0.70, SwF 1.10, S 6 and S 7.

(United States equivalents - SwF 0.70: US$ 0.62; SwF 1.10: US$ 0.96; S 6: US$ 0.61; and S 7: US$ 0.70 - subject to exchange rate fluctuation.)

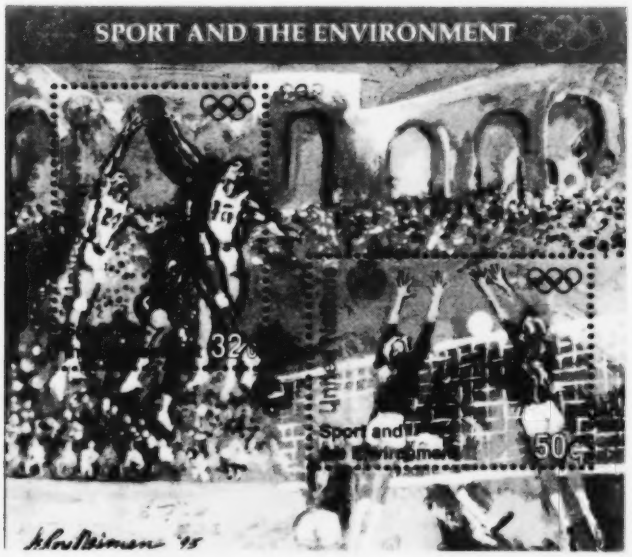
Denomination: US$ 0.32 SwF 0.70 S 6

Denomination: US$ 0.50 SwF 1.10 S 7

Souvenir sheets

2. Three souvenir sheets will be released also on 19 July 1996 to coincide with the "Sport and the environment" issue. The souvenir sheets, also designed by Mr. Neiman, will be issued in denominations of US$ 0.82, SwF 1.80 and S 13.

(United States equivalents - SwF 1.80: US$ 1.57; and S 13: US$ 1.31 - subject to exchange rate fluctuation.)



US$ 0.82

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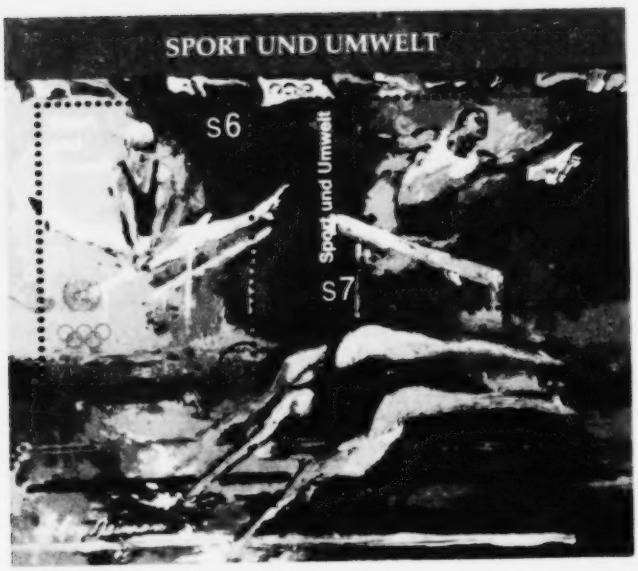
SwF 1.80


SPORT UND UMWELT
S6
Sport und Umwelt
S7

S 13

Atlanta cancellation - 19 July 1996

3. The United States Government has amended the Headquarters agreement so that the Headquarters district will include, for one day only, 19 July, the United States Post Office at Atlanta, Georgia, solely for the purpose of providing first-day cancellations of the souvenir sheets and commemorative stamps in United States denominations. First-day covers bearing this cancel will be available from the UNPA sales counter.

Maximum cards

4. The thirteenth set of maximum cards will also be issued on 19 July 1996. Six cards will be produced to accommodate the six denominations. The appropriate stamps will be affixed and cancelled first day of issue relevant to the respective office. The two cards designed for the New York Office will also be available cancelled first day of issue, Atlanta, Georgia.

5. The maximum cards cancelled United Nations New York and Atlanta, Georgia are priced at US$ 0.62 and US$ 0.80. The cancelled United Nations Geneva cards are priced at US$ 0.94 and US$ 1.29 while the cancelled United Nations Vienna cards are priced at US$ 0.94 and US$ 1.03, subject to exchange rate fluctuations.

General information

6. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Atlanta, Geneva and Vienna first-day covers on United Nations official first-day cachets ONLY.

7. The new stamps, souvenir sheets and hand cancellations can be purchased by members of delegations and of the staff from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on 19 July 1996 ONLY at the UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building. There will be no outposted UNPA sales counter in the Secretariat Building until further notice.

8. Staff members are encouraged to use United Nations stamps on their personal mail. By doing so, these miniature messengers of peace can educate unseen thousands of people to the activities and goals of the United Nations.

9. Information on United Nations stamps can be accessed on the Internet at the United Nations Web server (http://www.un.org) under the "Publications and Sales" icon.